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BLACK ADAM™



WHEN
STRIKES
THE
BOLT

IN-BODY KICKS

THE WORLD'S GREATEST ROBIN RETURNS
SOLVING MYSTERIES IN A CORNER OF GOTHAM ALL HIS OWN!

TIM DRAKE:

ROBIN

A new
ongoing
series

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"Ringers"
METRO EAST
INTENSIVE CARE UNIT
WASHINGTON, D.C.
NOW







SHEP,
DO YOU
BELIEVE
IN GOD?

--?!
REALLY?
YOU WANNA
START
WITH THAT?
THIS
EARLY?

BEFORE
MY
BAGEL?

WENT
TO SEE
CHUCK THE
OTHER
DAY.*

RIGHT
BEFORE I
CHASED A
GHOST INTO
OUTER
SPACE.

"Luke 16"
GEORGETOWN
WASHINGTON,
D.C.

SO,
NATURALLY,
I ASSUMED
CHUCK WAS
GASLIGHTING
ME.
VISIONS...

...DARKSEID...
AND
THE AKKAD--
"COUSINS"
OF MY
EGYPTIAN
PANTHEON.

CAME
BACK FROM
SPACE WITH A
PLAGUE
THAT
ULTIMATELY
KILLED
ME.**



WAS
ANY OF
THAT
REAL, SHEP,
OR
IMAGINED?

ISN'T
THAT A
QUESTION
FOR ALL
FAITH?

IS
ANY OF
IT
REAL...?

HEY--
SCHMUCK--



--YOU
CAN
FLY.

WHATEVER
OTHER
MESHUGAS
MAY BE
HAPPENING
HERE...

...SOME
PART OF
YOUR
DEAL IS
ACTUALLY
TRUE.

LET'S
SEE JOEL
OSTEEN
TOP
THAT.



"AND
IN HELL
HE LIFT
UP HIS
EYES..."

"...BEING
IN TORMENTS,
AND SEETH
ABRAHAM AFAR
OFF, AND
LAZARUS
IN HIS
BOSOM."

WHICH
ONE
WERE
YOU...?



NOT
THE
GOOD
ONE.

EGYPTIANS
CALL IT THE
DUAT. THE
AKKAD CALL
IT
IRKALLA.

THEIR
VICEROY,
A CREATURE
CALLED
SARGON,
FLOATED THE
POSSIBIL-
ITY--

--THAT,
SOMEHOW...
I'D
CREATED
THEM...



I AM
LOVE.

I AM THAT
WHICH YOUR
HEART
DESIRES...

...WHAT
YOUR VERY
SPIRIT
LONGS
FOR.



I HEAR
VOICES...
EXPERI-
ENCES...

...WOVEN
FROM THE
FABRIC
OF YOUR
SOUL...



ISHTAR!

IN THE
NAME OF
ELAM,
SISTER--

--CONTROL
YOURSELF.



ENKI:

God of Mischief,
Brother of Ashur

MARDUK:

Demigod, Counselor
to Ashur

NERGAL:

God of War,
Brother of Ashur

NINURTA:

God of Agriculture,
Son of Ashur

BEUT:

Goddess of Destiny,
Wife of Ashur

ANU:

Father of the Akkad

ASHUR:

Pantheon Chief,
Son of Anu

BLACK ADAM

POWER

THEOGONY
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VERY WELL, THEN...

...LET'S GET TO IT.

NO NEED FOR THAT, THEO TETH-ADAM--



--WE ARE AKKAD.
WE ARE NOT YOUR ENEMY.

NOR ARE WE YOUR FRIEND.



TYPICAL OF GODS.
WHY SUMMON ME?
WHY TRICKS AND ILLUSIONS?



YOU AWAKENED US, TETH-ADAM. THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO...

...WHEN YOU BETRAYED YOUR WIZARD MASTER...



YOU HAVE TURNED EVIL, MIGHTY ADAM!

I RENAME YOU--
BLACK ADAM--

--AND BANISH YOU--

"--FROM THE EARTH!"

"GO, BLACK ADAM--
BEYOND THE UNIVERSE'S
FARTHEST STAR!"

THE AKKAD
KNEW MY STORY.
BANISHED...BY
THE WIZARD
MAMARAGAN...

...HURLED
INTO NON-
EXISTENCE.
FOR
THOUSANDS
OF
YEARS...

AND
DID THAT
ACTUALLY
FIX ANY-
THING?

NO.

MADE
THINGS...
A LOT
WORSE...

"IN MY WANDERING..."

"...I MIGHT'VE FLOWN
THROUGH SOME MANNER
OF SPACE DUST--

"--CONTAINING
BIOLOGICAL
PARTICLES.

"ISHTAR...
GODDESS OF
LOVE...SAID--"

--"YOU
INHALED
US..."

MICRO-
SCOPIC
SPACE DUST--
DRAWING FROM
...MY MEMORIES
OF ANCIENT
SUMER...TO
CREATE...

"WELCOME TO
HIGHTOWER,
TETH-ADAM--

--WHATEVER
ELSE YOU MAY
CALL IT. AARU,
OLYMPUS,
ASGARD...

...HOME
OF US
"TYPICAL"
GODS.

YOU
ARE NOT
MY
GODS.

AS IF
THAT
MATTERS

I AM
WAR

ARE
YOU
NOW?

MORTALS
ONCE
CALLED
ME
NERGAL.

I, TOO,
AM DRAWN TO
YOUR RAGE...
FOR...DIFFERENT
REASONS,
CHILD OF
MAMARAGAN...

CEASE,
NERGAL.

HERE,
I AM THE
ALL-FATHER.
HERE, I
RILE



I...
ANU.

AS
DID MANY
OTHER
GODS, WE
LEFT EARTH
LONG
AGO--

--AND
NOW TRAVEL
ETERNITY
HIDDEN
WITHIN A
CLOUD.

YOU
HAVE
DISTURBED
OUR REST...
INVITED OUR
CURIOSITY.



IF YOU
ARE WAITING
FOR AN
APOLOGY--

WHO
ARE YOU
TO GIVE
ME
TASKS?

HARDLY.

I
HAD YOU
SUMMONED
TO GIVE
YOU A
TASK.



I AM
AKKAD.

I AM
GODS.

I
SEE.

AND,
THIS
"TASK" YOU
HAVE
FOR
ME...?

EARTH.
TELL
THEM--



--WE...
ARE
COMING.

BBBOOOOMMM

"WELL,

"AT LEAST THEY
GOT YOU TO YOUR
SENATE HEARING
ON TIME."*

*ISSUE #1.



GLAD YOU THINK IT'S FUNNY.

I'VE GOT NO IDEA WHERE TO EVEN START LOOKING FOR THE AKKAD...

...ASSUMING THEY ACTUALLY EXIST.

THE PLAGUE... IN REMISSION...



...DON'T SUPPOSE SAVING MY LIFE WAS YOUR IDEA.

GOD, NO.

SO WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.

AN ANCIENT PARASITE... IN A TEACUP...



...JUST BEFORE I'M TROLLED BY A BUNCH OF "GODES" HIDING INSIDE A COMET. COINCIDENCE?

THE POWER OF BLACK ADAM... YOU'VE SHARED IT WITH THAT MALIK KID.

THE POWER... WAS ALWAYS MEANT TO BE SHARED...



KK RAAA K!



AMAN--THE NEPHEW YOU RESCUED FROM IBAC--

AND THEN MURDERED TO KEEP THE WIZARD'S POWER FOR MYSELF.

THEO-- YOU CAN'T REPLACE AMAN WITH MALIK...



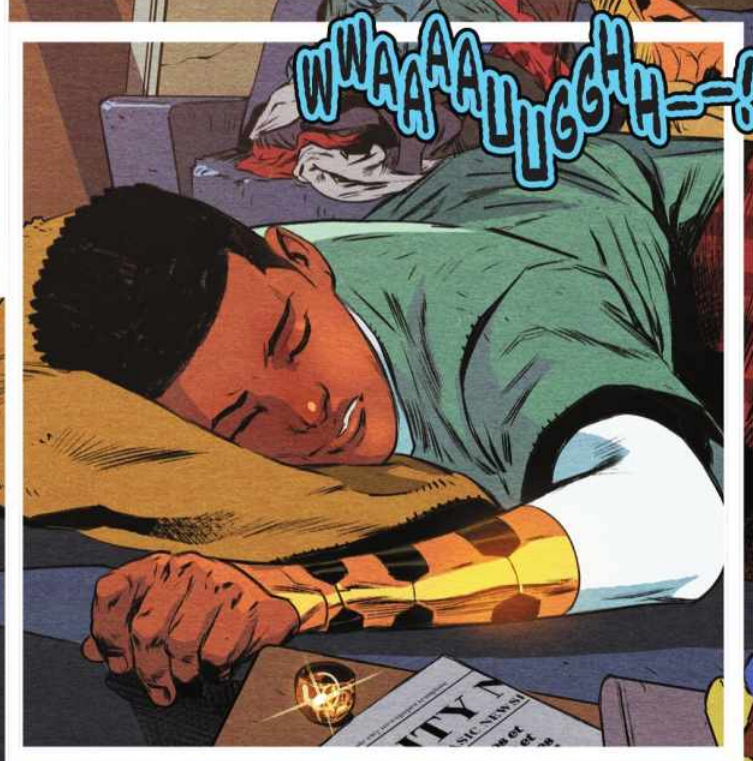
...IS THAT WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO...

I GAVE HIM MY SIGNET RING. THIRTY YEARS FROM NOW...

...HE'LL GIVE IT BACK...



"Home Alone"
LINWOOD
WASHINGTON,
D.C.
SOUTHEAST



...
...C'MON.

WAAAAAUGHH--!

C'MONNNNN--
NEESH.

NISHA--!





...IS IT YOU? DUDE...

...YOU REALLY STINK.

FLY.



ALL RIGHT.

SSHHHUNNNKK

LEEK!

HOLD THAT THOUGHT.



...SEE, THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYIN'--THAT BOY AIN'T RIGHT IN THE HEAD, GIRL--

NISHA-- DON'T LIGHT THAT! THE BABY--!

--PLUS, HE BE WANTIN' TO GET WITH THIS? PLEASE.



AND YOU DO KNOW I'M ON TONIGHT, YES--?

ON SHIFT-- AT THE HOSPITAL-- THIRTY HOURS, YO!

NEED MY SLEEP, MAN!

"ON" WHAT, L.B.--?*

*LIL' BRO. --PAUL



I KNOW! I KNOW! ME 'N' LAY-LAY WILL BE QUIET--

SAID YOU COULD CRASH HERE A WEEK--

QUIETLY LOOKIN' FOR A DAMN JOB, I HOPE.



--THAT WAS SIX MONTHS AGO!

I'M LOOKIN', L.B.! BUT YOU TAKE YOUR LAPTOP TO WORK--

KEEP YOU FROM PAWNIN' IT, DAMN STRAIGHT. AND--

--ON THE SUBJECT OF CRACK-HEADS--

--WHO'S YOUR FRIEND IN THERE?

IS THAT POOH AN'EM SCREWIN' AROUND AGAIN?



POOH,
NUT, BEAN--
WHOEVER'S
UNDER THE
FRIGHT MASK--
HALLOWEEN'S
OVER.

TAKE
YO' ELF
JORDANS
AN'
BOUNCE.

FLY.



WALK,
FLY, SWIM,
WHAT-
EVER.

YOU
REALLY
WANNA
SCARE ME,
DRESS UP AS
MY LAND-
LORD.

BEE
OH
YOU EN
SEE.



FLY.

TIG-
TACS.

PLEASE...
FOR THE
LOVE
OF GOD...
AND--

--WHEN'S
THE LAST
YOU
SAW A
DENTIST--?



FLY.

HEY--

--HEY--!

OR
DIE--



OF
MAGICKS
BLACK
AND
SORCERY...

...TETH
AND
ECRIGAN
AGREE!

SHEEE--!

AAAGGHH--!

FWOOSH--!

NONONO,
THIS
ISN'T
REALLY
HAPPENING...

...NOT
ON A
SCHOOL
NIGHT...

IN
LEAGUES
OF JUSTICE
BOTH HAVE
FOUGHT...

...OPPOSING
THAT
WHICH
DARKNESS
WROUGHT!

GOD,
YOUR
RHYMES
SUCK...

...THE
VANILLA
ICE OF
SUPER-
VILLAINS...

LET
ME GUESS--
YOU'RE
"BLACK"
ADAM'S
FRIEND!



REALLY?

THEN--
WHAT THE
HELL'S THIS
ABOUT,
MAN--?!

TETH--
ADAM IS NO
ONE'S FRIEND...
NEVER PLACE
YOUR TRUST
IN HIM!

HEY--

==HEY--!==

TO
CHECK
HIS OWN EVIL
DARK--HIS
POWER
UNTO YOU
IMPART!

BUT
QUICKLY
MUST
BECOME
ADEPT--

--WHA--
WHAT ARE
YOU
RHYMING
ABOUT--?!

--OR
SUFFER
PAIN AND
TOIL AND
DEATH!

SOME
KINDA
TEST?! A
DEMON
S.A.T.--?

STOP
DE-MON
FROM
KILLING
YOU...

...UNLOCK
THE DOOR
TO LIFE
ANEW!

FLY.
DIE.
BYE.

...S'NOT...
S'NOT
FUNNY
ANYM--

--S'NOT--
SSS--

Y-YO...
SNOOP
DOGGY
DEMON--



KRAA-KOOO-MMM!

--GET
OFF
ME!

YEEAAAARRRGH--!



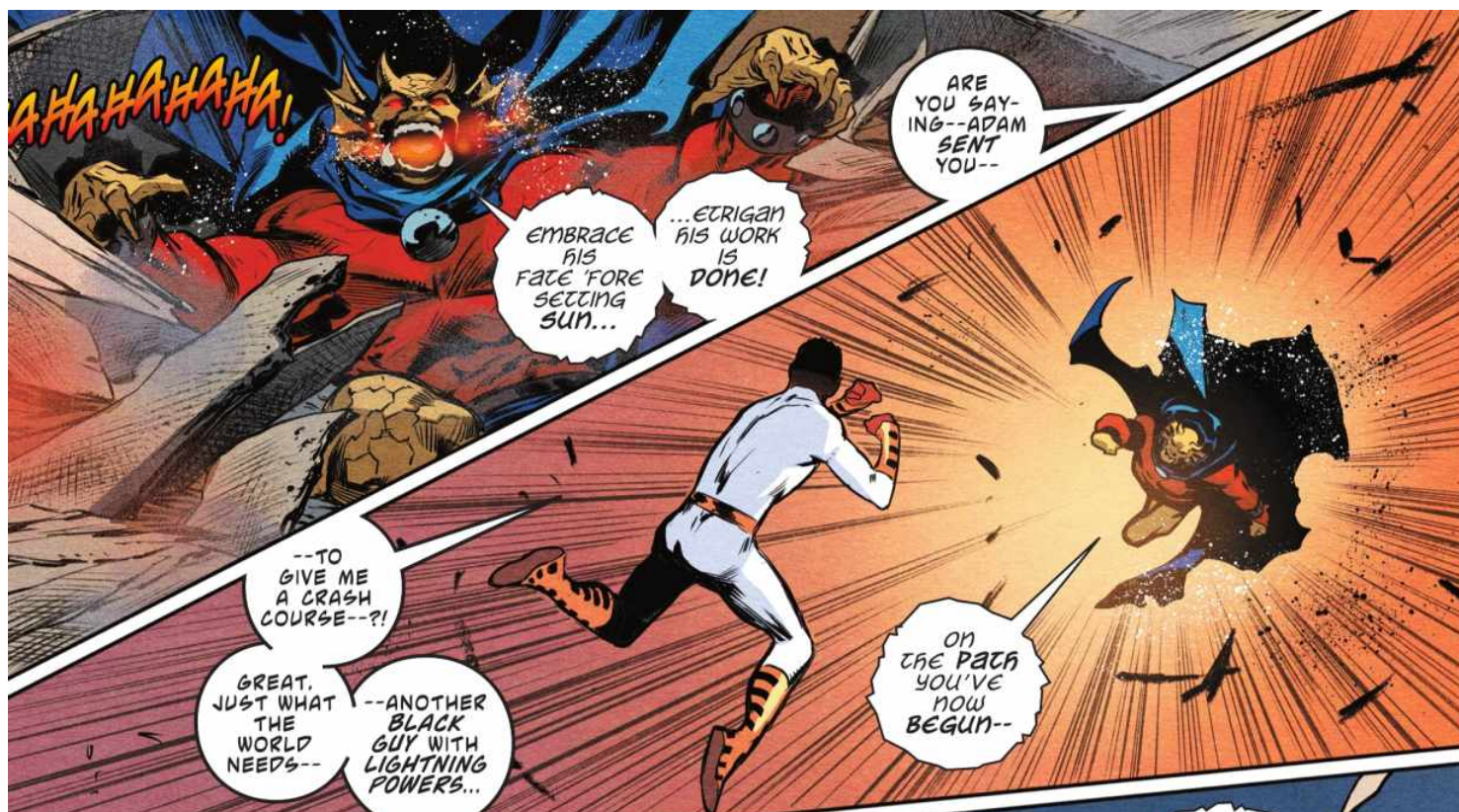
WHUMMP!



YEAH.
HOW
YOU LIKE
ME
NOW.

GOT 99
PROBLEMS
BUT
A DEMON
AIN'T
ONE...

...BEE-
YOTCH.



AAAAHAHAHA!

ARE YOU SAYING--ADAM SENT YOU--

EMBRACE HIS FATE 'FORE SETTING SUN...

...ETRIGAN HIS WORK IS DONE!

--TO GIVE ME A CRASH COURSE--?!

GREAT, JUST WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS--

--ANOTHER BLACK GUY WITH LIGHTNING POWERS...

ON THE PATH YOU'VE NOW BEGUN--



--TO SAVE THE WORLD FROM BLACK ADAM!

SHOULD YOU TURN OR SHOULD YOU FAIL--

--THE WORLD YOU KNOW WILL NOT PREVAIL!



AAAAHH-HAHAHAHAH

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT...?

COME DOWN FROM THERE--

--KEEP YOUR HANDS WHERE I CAN SEE--

SUPER-POWERS...

...THROUGH THIS FUNKY RING...

--?! WHERE IS--

DON'T MOVE--!

--GOTTA GET ME ONE'A

WISH I



"Danger Zone"
HARROD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON,
D.C.

--BUT I'M LATE FOR MY SHIFT!

OH.

OH-OH.

OH YES, THAT'S RIGHT--

--OUT-STANDING. YEH--
SIRRR!

BUT... MAYBE A QUICK DETOUR...



YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE, RIGHT?

STUDENTS AND FACULTY ONLY.

YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENED, JASMIN--



--AND I GOT SUPER-POWERS!

SUPER-POWERS, JAZZ!



'THINKIN' OF CALLIN' MYSELF "DANGER BOY."

HOWZAT? I LOOK LIKE A "DANGER BOY," RIGHT?



"QUICK-- STOP THAT BANK ROBBER DANGER BOY!"

MALIK...

"A TIGER ESCAPED FROM THE ZOO, DANGER BOY!"

MALIK...



...WHAT'S ON YOUR ARM?

--? HUH--?



"Cold Calling"

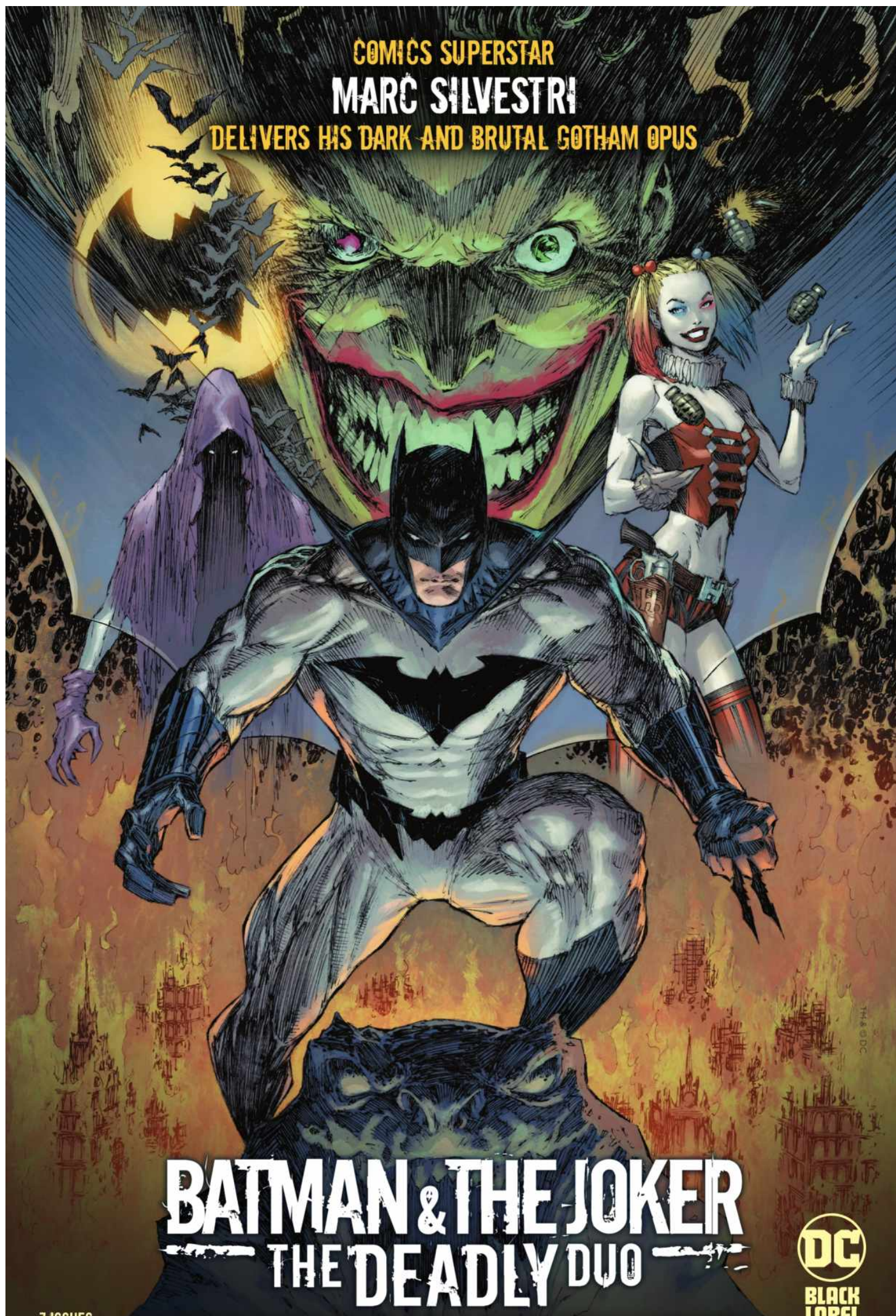
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PENNSYLVANIA



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COMICS SUPERSTAR
MARC SILVESTRI
DELIVERS HIS DARK AND BRUTAL GOTHAM OPUS



BATMAN & THE JOKER
THE DEADLY DUO



C'MON,
DUDE,
SERIOUSLY
FOR THE
LAST TIME,
SIT!

CUTE AND
DUMB...STORY'A
MY LIFE...



IF I
WAS A RAT,
I'D PROBABLY
DATE YOU.

HERE.

NICE
TO SEE YOU
MAKING
FRIENDS...

THEN AGAIN,
YOUR COMMON
GENUS *RATTUS*
DOES ENJOY
THE COMPANY OF
ITS OWN KIND.
SPEAKING OF
WHICH...



...DO YOU
REALLY
THINK HE'LL
COME FOR
YOU?

AND
WHEN WE'RE
DONE, WE'RE
GONNA *CHOP*
YA INTA KIBBLE,
AND *FEED* YOUR
LOSER \$\$\$ TO
ALL MY LITTLE
PALS.

OH,
HARLEY.
WELL...

OH,
YOU *BETCHA!* MY
PUDDIN'S GONNA COME
BUSTIN' IN HERE LIKE
A PASTY-FACED RAMBO
AND FILL YOUR STUPID
NOGGIN WITH LEAD...
THEN HE'LL SWEEP ME
UP IN HIS ARMS AND
WE'LL MAKE OUT LIKE
CRAZY, FOR HOURS
AND HOURS.

BATMAN & THE JOKER
THE DEADLY DUO
SPECIAL SNEAK PREVIEW

WRITER AND ARTIST: **MARC SILVESTRI**
COLORIST: **ARIE PRIANTO**

"...I GUESS WE'LL FIND OUT, WON'T WE?"

THE BOWERY.

SO DISPATCH GETS A FEW CALLS ABOUT A BUNCH OF SCREAMING AND YELLING, NOT UNUSUAL FOR THE AREA.

THEN CALLS COME IN ABOUT **GUNSHOTS**. ALSO, NOT UNUSUAL.

BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, "UNUSUAL" DOESN'T QUITE CUT IT.

THE DECEASED WAS ONE **RYAN LANG**. FORMER PD. NEIGHBORS SAID HE RARELY HAD VISITORS AND PRETTY MUCH KEPT TO HIMSELF.

LOOKS LIKE HE WAS TUCKED IN FOR A LONELY NIGHT OF **SOLITAIRE**...

...BUT MAYBE NOT **SO** ALONE, EHE

HARVEY BULLOCK IS A GOOD COP.

ANYWAY, THE PERP GOT WHAT HE WANTED AND FLED THE SCENE. ELEVATOR WASN'T THERE BUT SINCE HE JUST MURDERED AN EX-COP, HE WAS PROBABLY IN A HURRY SO DIDN'T WAIT.

KEEP IN MIND, THAT'S A **FIVE-STORY** DROP.

GOTHAM HAS TEETH THAT CAN SOMETIMES GNAW THE GOOD RIGHT OUT OF A MAN...BUT NOT BULLOCK. NOT YET.

WITNESS ON THE STREET SAID HE SAW A TALL, SKINNY DUDE WITH A **WHITE FACE** RUNNING OUT OF THE BUILDING AND HOLDING WHAT HE THINKS





MAGNUM
ROUND WOULD DO
A LOT OF DAMAGE.
FROM THE LOOKS
OF THE BLOOD
SPATTER PATTERN,
IT DID. AND YET
HE MANAGED TO
GET AWAY.



WHITE SKIN.
GREEN HAIR.
BONE. LOOKS LIKE
A SKULL FRAGMENT.
SURVIVED A
HEADSHOT.



PEACHY.
AND THEN
OF COURSE
THERE'S
THIS...

GORDON
PICKED A HELL
OF A TIME TO GO
FLY-FISHING.

BREED
BREED



BULLOCK.
IN
PROGRESS?
WHERE?



HEY,
THERE'S
A...

...OKAY,
I'LL, AH...
JUST
MEET YOU



DC
HORROR
PRESENTS

How do you kill an army of zombie Nazis?
It's a big pain in the @&\$#!

SGT ROCK

VS. THE ARMY OF THE DEAD

The horror icon teams with
the legendary 100 Bullets
artist to tell a terror-soaked
tale like no other!

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DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON

TIM DRAKE: ROBIN

INTERVIEW WITH MEGHAN FITZMARTIN AND RILEY ROSSMO

After years without his own book, the world's greatest Robin takes the solo spotlight in *Tim Drake: Robin*, a new ongoing series from writer Meghan Fitzmartin and artist Riley Rossmo.

What was the initial concept for this series?

Meghan Fitzmartin: When Riley and I were talking about *Robin* we discussed the specific element of Tim Drake being a detective. We referenced classic detective stories that we could emulate and pull into Tim Drake's world.

How do classic detective stories play into this first arc?

Fitzmartin: Classic detective stories is what this series is about! We run the gamut of this genre and even pay homage to *Scooby-Doo*. I knew Riley was the right person for this one when we were on the phone and he knew exactly the detective stories I was referencing.

Riley Rossmo: Meghan and I had a nice chat, and I was sold talking about the detective stuff in this series. I heard Sherlock Holmes, Poe, and that was it. I love that stuff! There's a lot of little secrets and Easter eggs for people who are into literary stuff.

How does this series evolve Tim Drake as a character?

Fitzmartin: He's been this perpetual teenager for a number of years. There comes a time for Tim to say, "I want to make my way out on my own." That's what this series is hoping to bring.

Rossmo: It's exciting to do a superhero comic that has space to do some romance and drama, alongside the swashbuckling and the detecting. I don't always get to do that more subtle acting.

What makes Tim Drake the "world's greatest Robin"?

Fitzmartin: He's the smartest and discovered who Batman was on his own. Tim actively sought out the role. With the information he had about Batman's identity, he didn't try and be famous or blackmail Bruce. He didn't do anything other than try to be helpful. To me, the core of Tim Drake is that his intelligence is perfectly paired with his empathy.

Rossmo: He's the smartest, and I think that's fair to say. He's not so angry of a Robin. I like Damian, but he can be a hard person.

**DON'T MISS
TIM DRAKE: ROBIN #1
ON SALE IN SEPTEMBER!**

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